Good Afternoon

My name is Maria Vizcarrondo-Delato and I am the Essex County Coordinator for Latinos for Clinton.

We thank the press and media for joining us today as we gather here ~~today~~ to profess our collective and unequivocal support for Bill Clinton for President

Bill Clinton has the vision and skills that we need in a President to make the changes necessary to ensure a brighter future for us and our children.

I am joined today by Latino Leadership representing diverse social, civic + political organizations in the County that are working towards the empowerment of Latinos to ensure their rightful place as a vibrant + integral part of the larger society.

Statistics show that Latinos are ~~disproportionately~~ disproportionately affected by the present recession as it relates to

- High unemployment rates
- Lack of access to basic health care
- Inaccessibility to affordable housing
- And as victims of environments that breed drugs and violence.

But Latinos are also the fastest growing ethnic group in the State & the country. Concurrently, Latinos are taking a greater responsibility in participating in the electoral process & an active role in policy development.
Therefore we represent a new wave of leadership to bring about change ~~to~~ that will improve the quality of life not only for our community but for all Americans.

Over the past months we have registered Latinos in record numbers. And so we urge our community to come out in full force on Nov 3rd for Bill Clinton because he represents the ~~hope~~ opportunity to attain those things that are most important to us: jobs, better education & access to health care

Let us also come out strongly for Robert Menendez our Latino candidate for Congress. For this will send a message that Latinos count and that we want to be part of the movement for progressive change that will end oppression & create opportunities for present & future generations.

Vote line B on Nov 3rd. Vote Democrat!!!